

# NMDOH News Brief

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## Updates for the 2020-21 New Mexico School Requirements

The NM Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) convened their annual meeting in November. The VAC discusses new vaccine requirements and votes on any recommendations to propose to the NM Department of Health Cabinet Secretary for school and day care entry for the upcoming school year.

The group of pediatricians, nurses, immunization advocates, school and childcare experts reviewed data on the epidemiology and disease incidence, discussed the impact any new requirements would have on parents and school nurses, and the desire to have our school requirements be in harmony with the ACIP schedule.

*Staff photo of Jicarilla Service Unit, that was selected by the CDC as HPV Champion in NM*

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## Jicarilla Service Unit IHS is New Mexico's HPV Award Winner

**HPV VACCINE**  
IS CANCER PREVENTION  
*Champion*

Maggie June  
*New Mexico Immunization Coalition*

Each year the CDC collaborates with the American Cancer Society and the Association of American Cancer Institutes, to recognize clinicians and practices in each state that have gone above and beyond with vaccinating against HPV in their communities. We are proud that this year the CDC has chosen Jicarilla Service Unit as a Champion in New Mexico!

The award recipients for 2019 were recently announced; up to one recipient is chosen from each state. Visit the [CDC website](#) to find out about the excellent work being done at this clinic, and details about the other award winners as well.

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# Immunization Program / Staff announcements

## Ervin Garcia

Ervin has recently accepted the position of Quality Improvement Coordinator/ Epidemiologist at the Immunization Program.



Ervin brings a background in program evaluation and epidemiology. He graduated from The University of Texas at El Paso with a bachelor's degree in health promotion and a minor in community health. He was also a foreign exchange student studying interdisciplinary health research in Mexico and Thailand for the National Institute of Health. After moving back to the US, Ervin completed his Master of Public Health degree concentrating in epidemiology from Florida International University.

Prior to joining the Immunization team, Ervin spent five years working in quality improvement and health service program planning in the San Francisco Bay Area and then was the DOH Southeast Region Epidemiologist in Roswell.

He has a passion for helping people and recently donated ten inches of hair to Locks of Love. Contact Ervin at [Ervin.Garcia@state.nm.us](mailto:Ervin.Garcia@state.nm.us)

## Melissa Stynes

Melissa is a new member of the NMSIIS team. She has recently been hired as a temporary Health Educator working with NMSIIS. Melissa will help with data quality initiatives as well as working on some exciting upcoming projects. Melissa can be contacted at [Melissa.stynes@state.nm.us](mailto:Melissa.stynes@state.nm.us)

## Marissa Valenzuela

Marissa (Missy) Valenzuela was recently hired as a member of the NMSIIS team in the role of Data Analyst. Missy comes to the Department of Health with nearly ten years of experience in a medical setting and also has extensive experience in customer service.

She is a native New Mexican who enjoys spending time with her family on her days off. We are excited to welcome Missy to the NMSIIS team! Missy's email is [Marissa.valenzuela@state.nm.us](mailto:Marissa.valenzuela@state.nm.us)

### VaxViewNM: The new public portal for immunizations

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Just a quick reminder about the Immunization Program's public portal [VaxViewNM](#), which allows individuals, parents, and guardians to access, save and/or print official immunization records. If you have trouble using the portal, please contact our NMSIIS Help Desk at (833) 882-6454 or (505) 827-2356.

### 2020-21 school requirements *continued from page 1*

After excellent presentations and considerable thoughtful discussion, the committee voted to roll up the new MenACWY requirement from 7th grade to cover both 7th and 8th grade. The group also approved rolling up the two dose Hep A requirement from day care to kindergarten. Lastly, after

much discussion, the group voted to bring in an HPV 2 dose requirement for 7th grade, but to defer enforcing the requirement until the 2021-22 school year.

The 2020-21 NM School and Day Care Immunization Requirements are now available on the Immunization Program

website: <https://nmhealth.org/about/phd/idb/imp/sreq/>

## Registration is open for the 2019-20 Statewide NMSIIS Provider Training

This training is designed as a refresher for current NMSIIS users, new users, VFC providers, and staff, as well as introduction to NMSIIS and VFC topics for new staff. Trainings are available in January and February for the SE and SW Regions—trainings have already been conducted in NE, NW, and Metro Regions. The complete list is online.

Online registration allows you to

select your region and then select the session and block/s you wish to attend. Attendees may register for a training in a region other than their own. We encourage you to attend all blocks this year.

**Note:** *Attendance certificates are only awarded for full day attendance of all training blocks.*

Please [click here](#) to register. Seats are limited this year so sign up quickly to guarantee your seat. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Help Desk at 505-827-2356 or the NMSIIS Training Coordinator, Raymond Gallegos at [Raymond.Gallegos@state.nm.us](mailto:Raymond.Gallegos@state.nm.us) or 505-827-1793.

### NMSIIS Provider Training block schedule

Opening	9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions
Block 1	9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	NMSIIS New User, VaxViewNM & Data Quality Improvement
Block 2	11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Clinic Tools/Staff Changes
Block 3	1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Emergency Vaccine Mgmt. Plan/Temperature Excursions
Block 4	3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Q & A Workshop

## NMIC Annual Meeting

On December 6, the NMIC gathered 100 members at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North for the 17th annual meeting and celebration.

Members were treated to presentations from keynote speaker, Dr. Mark Freedman from the CDC, and Leslie Maier, President of the National Meningitis Association (center photo) as well as local speakers who provided important updates.



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